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### 830.01 General

The primary function of delineation is to provide the visual information needed by a driver to operate a vehicle safely in a variety of situations. Delineation can be the marking of highways with painted or more durable pavement marking lines and symbols, guideposts, and other devices, such as curbs. (See Chapter 440.) These devices use retroreflectance, reflecting light from a vehicle's headlights back to the driver, to enhance their visibility at nighttime. The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) uses the latest edition of the MUTCD as a guide for the design, location, and application of delineation.

Delineation is a required safety item of work and is addressed on all projects. A decision to omit delineation work can only be justified if the existing delineation is unaffected by construction and an evaluation of accident rates clearly shows that delineation is not a contributing factor. It is important to maintain an adequate level of retroreflectivity for both traffic signs and traffic markings to enhance safety for motorists during hours of darkness and during adverse weather conditions.

Consult with the region's Traffic Operations Office early in the design process to ensure that the proposed delineation is compatible with WSDOT policy and region preference. These policies and preferences address both the type of markings and the material selection.

### 830.02 References

**Laws – Federal and state laws and codes that may pertain to this chapter include:**

*Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*, USDOT, FHWA, National Advisory Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, including the Washington State Modifications to the MUTCD, Chapter 468-95 *Washington Administrative Code* (WAC), (MUTCD)

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/biz/trafficoperations/mutcd.htm>

**Design Guidance – Design guidance included by reference within the text includes:**

*Roadway Delineation Practices Handbook*, FHWA report, Washington, DC, 1994

*Sign Fabrication Manual*, M 55-05, WSDOT

*Standard Plans for Road, Bridge, and Municipal Construction* (Standard Plans), M 21-01, WSDOT

**Supporting Information – Other resources used or referenced in this chapter include:**

*NCHRP Synthesis 306, Long-Term Pavement Practices*, Transportation Research Board

### 830.03 Definitions

***coefficient of retroreflection ( $R_L$ )*** A measure of retroreflection.

***delineation*** Any method of defining the roadway operating area for the driver.

***durability*** A measure of a traffic line's resistance to the wear and deterioration associated with abrasion and chipping.

***extrude*** A procedure for applying marking material to a surface by forcing the material through a die to give it a certain shape.

***glass beads*** Small glass spheres used in highway pavement markings to provide the necessary retroreflectivity.

***mcd/m<sup>2</sup>/lux*** Pavement marking retroreflectivity is represented by the coefficient of retroreflected luminance (RL) measured in millicandelas per square meter.

***mil*** Unit of measurement equivalent to 0.001 inches.

***MUTCD*** *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.*

***pavement marking*** A colored marking applied to the pavement to provide drivers with guidance and other information.

***retroreflection*** The phenomenon of light rays striking a surface and being returned directly back to the source of light.

***retroreflectometer*** An instrument used to measure retroreflectivity.

***spraying*** A procedure for applying marking material to a surface as a jet of fine liquid particles.

***service life*** The service life of a pavement marking is the time or number of traffic passages required for its retroreflectivity to decrease from its initial value to a minimum threshold value indicating that the marking needs to be refurbished or replaced.

***traffic paint*** A pavement marking material that consists mainly of a binder and a solvent. The material is kept in liquid form by the solvent, which evaporates upon application to the pavement, leaving the binder to form a hard film.

***wet film thickness*** Thickness of a pavement marking at the time of application without glass beads.

## **830.04 Pavement Markings**

### **(1) Pavement Marking Types**

Pavement markings have specific functions: (1) they guide the movement of traffic, and (2) they promote safety on the highway. In some cases, they are used to supplement the messages of other traffic control devices. In other cases, markings are the only way to convey a message without distracting the driver. Pavement markings are installed and maintained to provide adequate performance year round. Adequate performance

is defined as meaning the marking meets or exceeds standards of both daytime and nighttime visibility. Pavement markings are classified as either longitudinal or transverse. Centerlines, lane lines (where applicable), and edge lines (except as noted), are required on all paved state highways, unless an exception is granted by the State Traffic Engineer with justification. Guidelines for the application of various pavement markings are provided in the Standard Plans and the MUTCD.

(a) **Longitudinal pavement markings** define the boundary between opposing traffic flows, and identify the edges of traveled way, multiple traffic lanes, turn lanes, and special use lanes. The Standard Plans show the dimensions of longitudinal pavement markings. Longitudinal pavement markings are as follows:

***barrier centerline*** A very wide (18 inches minimum, usually 20 inches—five 4-inch lines) solid yellow line or a combination of two single 4-inch solid yellow lines with yellow crosshatching between the lines with a total width not less than 18 inches used to separate opposing traffic movements where all movements over the line are prohibited. Barrier centerline locations require the approval of the region's Traffic Engineer and Access Engineer.

***centerline*** A broken yellow line used to separate lanes of traffic moving in opposite directions, where passing in the opposing lane is allowed.

***dotted extension line*** A broken white or yellow line that is an extension of an edge line or centerline used at exit ramps, intersections on horizontal curves, multiple turn lanes, and other locations where the direction of travel for through traffic is unclear.

***double centerline*** Two parallel solid yellow lines used to separate lanes of traffic moving in opposite directions where passing in the opposing lane is prohibited.

***double lane line*** Two solid white lines used to separate lanes of traffic moving in the same direction where crossing the lane line marking is prohibited.

***double wide lane line*** Two solid wide white lines used to separate a concurrent preferential lane of traffic where crossing is prohibited.

**drop lane line** A wide broken white line used in advance of a wide line to delineate a lane that ends at an off-ramp or intersection.

**edge line** A solid white or yellow line used to define the outer edges of the traveled way. Edge lines are not required where curbs or sidewalks are 4 feet or less from the traveled way.

**lane line** A broken white line used to separate lanes of traffic moving in the same direction.

**no-pass line** A solid yellow line used in conjunction with a centerline where passing in the opposing lane is prohibited.

**reversible lane line** Two broken yellow lines used to delineate a lane where traffic direction is periodically reversed.

**solid lane line** A solid white line used to separate lanes of traffic moving in the same direction where crossing the lane line marking is discouraged. Note: While this marking is in the MUTCD, it may not be in wide use by WSDOT, as it is the same as the edge line.

**two-way left-turn centerline** Two yellow lines, one solid and one broken, used to delineate each side of a two-way left-turn lane.

**wide broken lane line** A wide broken white line used to designate a portion of a high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane located on a divided highway where general purpose vehicles may enter to make an exit.

**wide dotted lane line** A wide broken white line used to designate a portion of a high occupancy vehicle (HOV), or business access and transit (BAT) lane located on an arterial highway where general purpose vehicles may enter to make a turn at an intersection.

**wide lane line** A wide solid white line used to separate lanes of traffic moving in the same direction at ramp connections, storage lanes at intersections, and high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes, or business access and transit (BAT) lanes, bike lanes, and other preferential lanes where crossing is discouraged.

(b) **Transverse pavement markings** define pedestrian crossings and vehicle stopping points at intersections. They are also used to warn the motorist of approaching conditions, required vehicular maneuvers, or lane usage. Typical transverse pavement markings are as follows:

**access parking space symbol** A white marking used to designate parking stalls provided for motorists with disabilities. The marking may have an optional blue background and white border.

**aerial surveillance marker** White markings used at one-mile and one-half-mile intervals on sections of highways where the State Patrol uses airplanes to enforce speed limits.

**bicycle lane symbol** A white marking consisting of a symbol of a bicyclist and an arrow used in a marked bike lane. (See the Standard Plans for an example of the bicycle lane symbol.) The bicycle lane symbol shall be placed immediately after an intersection and at other locations as needed. (See the MUTCD.) Typical spacing is 500 feet, with a maximum distance of 1,500 feet.

**crosswalk line** A series of parallel solid white lines used to define a pedestrian crossing.

**drainage marking** A white line used to denote the location of a catch basin, grate inlet, or other drainage feature in the shoulder of a roadway.

**HOV symbol** A white diamond marking used for high occupancy vehicle lanes. The spacing of the markings is an engineering judgment based on the conditions of use. Typical spacing is 1,000 feet for divided highways and 500 feet for arterial highways.

**railroad crossing symbol** A white marking used in advance of a railroad crossing where grade crossing signals or gates are located or where the posted speed of the highway is 40 mph or higher.

**stop line** A solid white line used to indicate the stopping point at an intersection or railroad crossing.

**traffic arrow** A white marking used in storage lanes and two-way left-turn lanes to denote the direction of turning movement. Arrows are also used at ramp terminals and intersections on divided highways to discourage wrong-way movements.

**traffic letters** White markings forming word messages, such as “ONLY,” used in conjunction with a traffic arrow at drop-lane situations. Traffic letters are not required for left- and right-turn storage lanes where the intended use of the lane is obvious.

## **(2) Pavement Marking Materials**

Pavement markings are applied using various materials. These materials are divided into two categories: paint and plastic. When selecting the pavement marking material to use in a project, consider the initial cost of the material; its service life; the location; the traffic conditions; the snow and ice removal practices of the particular maintenance area; and the region’s ability to maintain the markings.

Both painted and plastic pavement markings can accomplish the goal of providing a visible (daytime) and retroreflective (nighttime) pavement marking at the completion of a contract. The difference between the two marking materials is the projected service life of the markings. Paint used on sections of highway subjected to high traffic volumes and/or snow removal operations might have a service life of only two to three months. Maintenance crews cannot restripe a highway during winter months; therefore, if a painted marking wears out prematurely, the highway will not have a stripe until maintenance crews can restripe in April or May. When these conditions are encountered in a highway project, it is strongly recommended that the designer specify one of the more durable plastic marking materials and application types that will provide an adequate service life for the marking.

For the recommended pavement marking material for different highway types and snow removal practices, see Figure 830-1. Consult with the region’s Traffic Office and Maintenance Office to select the best material for the project.

(a) **Paint.** Paint is the most common pavement marking material. It is relatively easy to apply and dries quickly (30–90 seconds in warm, dry weather) after application. This allows the application to be a moving operation, which minimizes traffic control costs and delay to the roadway users. On construction contracts, paint

is applied with two coats; the first coat is 10 mils thick, followed by a second coat 15 mils thick. The disadvantage of using paint as a pavement marking material is its short service life when subjected to traffic abrasion, sanding, or snow-removal activities. Specify paint only where it will have a service life that will provide a retroreflective stripe until the maintenance crews can repaint the line and extend its service life until the next repainting.

Paint is one of two material types dependent upon the solids carrier: solvent or waterborne. The designer is encouraged to specify waterborne paint. Waterborne paints developed in the last ten years have proven to be more durable than solvent paints. Solvent paint is also subject to a monetary penalty because it contains a high level of volatile organic compounds (VOC). There is an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Clean Air Act penalty assessed on solvent paint that is passed on to those that purchase solvent paint in quantity.

Durable waterborne paint or high-build waterborne paint (a recent development) allows a thicker application (20 to 30 mils), which provides additional service life. The additional thickness permits the use of larger glass beads that enhance wet night retroreflectivity.

(b) **Plastic.** Plastic markings have a higher installation cost than paint. They can, however, be a more cost-effective measure than paint because of their longer service life. Plastic marking materials may provide a year-round retroreflective pavement marking, while paint may not last until the next restriping. Plastic marking materials currently listed in the Standard Specifications include the following:

- **Type A – Liquid Hot Applied**

**Thermoplastic.** Thermoplastic material consists of resins and filler materials in solid form at room temperature. The material is heated to a semi-liquid, molten state (400° Fahrenheit) and is then applied to the roadway by spray or extrusion methods. This material can be used for both transverse and longitudinal line applications. Special equipment is required for both the initial application and subsequent maintenance



renewal. Sprayed material can be applied at a thickness of 30 mils and dries in 30 to 60 seconds. The service life of material applied in this manner is slightly longer than that of paint. Extruded material is applied at a thickness of 125 mils and has a drying time of 15 minutes. This material can be applied as a flat line or it can be applied with ridges or bumps that enhance wet night visibility. These bumps produce a rumble effect similar to raised pavement markers when a vehicle crosses over the marking.

- **Type B – Preformed Fused Thermoplastic.** This material consists of a mixture of pigment, fillers, resins, and glass beads that is factory produced in sheet form 125 mils thick. The material is applied by heating (drying) the pavement and top heating the material. The heating process fuses the preformed thermoplastic material to the pavement surface. These materials are available in white, yellow, blue, and other colors. These materials are used for transverse markings.
- **Type C – Cold Applied Preformed Tape.** Preformed tape is composed of thermoplastic or other materials that are fabricated under factory conditions. After curing, the material is cut to size and shipped to the work site in rolls or in flat pieces. The material is then applied to the roadway with an adhesive on the underside of the tape. Preformed tape is available in a thickness of 60 mils, 90 mils, or 125 mils. (WSDOT does not currently specify 125 mil tape.) The most durable application of preformed tape is achieved when the tape is either inlaid (rolled) into hot asphalt and the top of the tape is flush with the surface of the pavement, or it is placed in a groove cut into the pavement surface and the top of the tape is slightly below the surface of the pavement.

ASTM has classified preformed tape into two categories: Type 1 and Type 2. Type 1 tape has a profiled surface and a requirement to have a retroreflectivity of over 500 mcd/m<sup>2</sup>/lux. Type 1 tape has proven to be very durable. It is used on high-volume, high-speed highways. Type 2 tape has a flat surface

and a requirement to have a retroreflectivity of over 250 mcd/m<sup>2</sup>/lux. Field tests show that Type 2 tape has a shorter service life than Type 1 tape.

- **Type D – Liquid Cold Applied Methyl Methacrylate (MMA).** Methyl methacrylate can be applied by either spraying or extrusion. Sprayed applications can be one or two coats, 30 to 45 mils thick. Extruded applications are 90 mils thick for dense asphalt or PCC pavement, or 120 mils thick for open-graded asphalt pavement. MMA can also be extruded using specialized equipment to produce a textured line 150 mils thick. The material is not heated and can be applied within an approximate temperature range of 40° to 105° Fahrenheit, provided the pavement surface is dry. The material can be used for both transverse and longitudinal applications. The material can also be applied with bumps (Type D profiled) that slightly enhance wet night retroreflectivity. The bumps also produce the rumble effect similar to raised pavement markers.
- **Type E – Polyurea.** Polyurea is a two-component, 100% solid coating designed as a fast-setting highway marking coating that provides durability and abrasion resistance. Polyurea is formulated to provide a simple volumetric mixing ratio of two volumes of Component A to one volume of Component B. Polyurea is typically sprayed at 20 to 25 mils thickness.

(c) **Glass Beads.** Glass beads are small glass spheres used in highway markings to provide the necessary retroreflectivity. The beads are dropped onto the wet marking material immediately after it is applied (drop-on beads) or premixed into the marking material and dropped onto the wet marking material immediately after it is applied.

Proper installation of glass beads is critical to achieving good pavement marking retroreflectivity. Each glass bead works like a light-focusing lens reflecting light back to the driver. Glass beads are embedded into the pavement marking material; for optimum performance, the bead is embedded between 55% and 60% of its diameter.

Large glass beads are effective when roads are wet. Large glass beads are not appropriate for paint as the paint is too thin to properly embed the large glass beads; therefore, WSDOT specifies small glass beads for paint applications. The use of large glass beads is limited to high-build waterborne paint and other materials with a thickness of at least 22 mils.

### **(3) Pavement Marking Application Types**

There are five application types used for pavement markings. Most pavement marking applications are applied directly to the pavement surface. In steel bit snow plowing areas, the pavement markings may be inlaid or grooved to protect the markings.

Pavement markings, because they are higher than the surrounding pavement surface, are subject to rapid wear caused by traffic and snowplows. As they wear, they lose visibility and retroreflectivity particularly in wet weather. Wear on the stripes can be greatly reduced and their service life considerably increased by placing them in a shallow groove in the surface of the pavement. The five application types for pavement markings are:

- **Flat Lines.** Pavement marking lines with a flat surface.
- **Profiled Marking.** A profiled pavement marking that consists of a base line thickness and a profiled thickness, which is a portion of the pavement marking line that is applied at a greater thickness than the base line thickness. Profiles are applied using the extruded method in the same application as the base line. The profiles may be slightly rounded if the minimum profile thickness is provided for the entire length of the profile. (See the Standard Plans for the construction details.)
- **Embossed Plastic Line.** Embossed plastic lines consist of a flat line with transverse grooves. An embossed plastic line may also have profiles. (See the Standard Plans for the construction details.)

- **Inlaid Plastic Line.** A line constructed by rolling Type C tape into Hot Mix Asphalt with the finish roller. Closely monitor the temperature of the mat to ensure compliance with the manufacturer's recommendations.
- **Grooved Plastic Line.** A line constructed by cutting a groove into the pavement surface and spraying, extruding, or gluing pavement marking material into the groove. The groove depth is dependent upon the material used, the pavement surface, and the location. The groove is typically in the range of 20 to 250 mils deep and 4 inches wide. Coordinate with the region's Traffic Office on the use and dimensions of grooved plastic line marking.

### **(4) Raised Pavement Markers**

Raised Pavement Markers (RPMs) are installed as positioning guides with long line pavement markings. They can also be installed as a complete substitution for certain long line markings. RPMs have a service life of two years, and provide good wet night visibility and a rumble effect. RPMs are made from plastic materials and are available in three different types:

- **Type 1** markers are 4 inches in diameter, 3/4-inch high, and nonreflectorized
- **Type 2** markers are 4 inches wide, 2 1/2 to 4 inches long, 3/4-inch high, and reflectorized
- **Type 3** markers are 6, 8, 10, or 12 inches wide, 4 inches long, 3/4-inch high, and nonreflectorized

Type 2 RPMs are not used as a substitute for right edge lines. They can only be used to supplement the right edge line markings at lane reductions, at sections with reduced lane widths such as narrow structures, and at the gore of exit ramps. All other applications supplementing right edge line markings require approval of the region's Traffic Engineer. Type 3 RPMs are used in locations where additional emphasis is desired, including vehicle separations and islands. Approval by the region's Traffic Engineer is required for all installations of Type 3 RPMs.

Reflectorized RPMs are not required for centerline and lane line applications in continuously illuminated sections of highway. However, if reflectorized RPMs are used at an intersection within an illuminated section, they are also provided throughout that section.

For raised pavement marker application details, see the Standard Plans.

### **(5) Recessed Raised Pavement Markers**

Recessed raised pavement markers (RRPMs) are raised pavement markers (RPMs) installed in a groove ground into the pavement in accordance with the Standard Plans. RRPMs provide guidance similar to RPMs in ice chisel and steel blade snow removal areas. RRPMs can also be used in rubber blade snow removal areas in accordance with region policy.

RRPMs, when specified, are installed at the locations shown for Type 2W RPMs on multilane one-way roadways, and Type 2YY RPMs on two-lane two-way roadways.

For recessed pavement marker application details, see the Standard Plans.

## **830.05 Guideposts**

### **(1) General**

Guideposts are retroreflective devices mounted to a support post installed at the side of the roadway to indicate alignment. They are considered to be guidance devices rather than warning devices. They are used as an aid to nighttime driving primarily on horizontal curves; all multilane divided highways; ramps; tangent sections where they can be justified due to snow, fog, or other reduced visibility conditions; and at intersections without illumination.

The retroreflective device may be mounted on either a white or brown post. The types of guideposts and their application are as follows:

(a) **Type W** guideposts have silver-white reflective sheeting, are facing traffic, and are used on the right side of divided highways, ramps, right-hand acceleration and deceleration lanes, intersections, and ramp terminals.

(b) **Type WW** guideposts have silver-white reflective sheeting on both sides, and are used on the outside of horizontal curves on two-way, undivided highways.

(c) **Type Y** guideposts have yellow reflective sheeting, are facing traffic, and are used on the left side of ramps, left-hand acceleration and deceleration lanes, ramp terminals, intersections on divided highways, median crossovers, and horizontal curves on divided highways.

(d) **Type YY** guideposts have yellow reflective sheeting on both sides, and are used in the median on divided highways.

(e) **Type G1** guideposts have silver-white reflective sheeting on both sides, and green reflective sheeting below the silver-white sheeting on the side facing traffic. They are used at intersections of undivided highways without illumination.

(f) **Type G2** guideposts have silver-white reflective sheeting on both sides, and green reflective sheeting below the silver-white reflective sheeting on the back side. They are used at intersections of undivided highways without illumination.

### **(2) Placement and Spacing**

Guideposts are placed not less than 2 feet nor more than 8 feet outside the outer edge of the shoulder. Place guideposts at a constant distance from the edge of the roadway. When an obstruction intrudes into this space, position the guideposts to smoothly transition to the inside of the obstruction. Guideposts are not required along continuously illuminated divided or undivided highways. (See Figure 830-2 for guidepost placement requirements.) The Standard Plans contain information on the different types and placement of guideposts.

## 830.06 Barrier Delineation

Traffic barriers are delineated where guideposts are required, such as bridge approaches, ramps, and other locations on unilluminated roadways. (See Figure 830-2.) At these locations, the barrier delineation has the same spacing as that of guideposts. Barrier delineation is also required when the traffic barrier is 4 feet or less from the traveled way. Use a delineator spacing of no more than 40 feet at these locations.

Beam guardrail is delineated by either mounting flexible guideposts behind the rail or by attaching shorter flexible guideposts to the wood guardrail posts.

Concrete barrier is delineated by placing retroreflective devices on the face of the barrier about 6 inches down from the top. Consider mounting these devices on the top of the barrier at locations where mud or snow accumulates against the face of the barrier.

## 830.07 Object Markers

Object markers are used to mark obstructions within or adjacent to the roadway. The MUTCD details three types of object markers. The Type 3 object marker with yellow and black sloping stripes is the most commonly used object marker.

The MUTCD contains criteria for the use of object markers to mark objects in the roadway and objects adjacent to the roadway. These criteria shall be followed in project design.

The terminal ends of impact attenuators are delineated with modified Type 3 object markers. These are the impact attenuator markers in the *Sign Fabrication Manual*. When the impact attenuator is used in a roadside condition, the marker with diagonal stripes pointing downward toward the roadway is used. When the attenuator is used in a gore where traffic will pass on either side, the marker with chevron stripes is used.

End of Roadway markers are similar to Type 1 object markers and are detailed in the MUTCD. They are used to alert users about the end of the roadway. The MUTCD criteria shall be followed in project design.

## 830.08 Wildlife Warning Reflectors

Studies show that wildlife warning reflectors are ineffective at reducing the accident potential for motor vehicle/wildlife collisions. WSDOT policy is to no longer design, place, or maintain wildlife warning reflectors.

## 830.09 Documentation

The list of documents that are to be preserved in the Design Documentation Package (DDP) or the Project File (PF) can be found on the following web site:

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/eesc/design/projectdev/>



Ice Chisel Snow Removal Areas					
Roadway Classification	Marking Type <sup>(3)</sup>				
	Centerlines <sup>(5)</sup>	Lane Lines <sup>(5)</sup>	Edge Lines	Wide Lines	Transverse Markings
Interstate	N.A.	Grooved Plastic <sup>(1)</sup>	Paint	Paint	Paint
Major Arterial	Paint & RRPMS <sup>(4)</sup> or Plastic <sup>(2)</sup> & RRPMS <sup>(4)</sup>	Paint	Paint	Paint	Paint
Minor Arterial	Paint	Paint	Paint	Paint	Paint
Collector	Paint	Paint	Paint	Paint	Paint
Steel Blade Snow Removal Areas					
Roadway Classification	Marking Type <sup>(3)</sup>				
	Centerlines <sup>(5)</sup>	Lane Lines <sup>(5)</sup>	Edge Lines	Wide Lines	Transverse Markings
Interstate-Urban	N.A.	Plastic <sup>(2)</sup>	Paint or Plastic <sup>(2)</sup>	Paint or Plastic <sup>(2)</sup>	Paint or Plastic <sup>(2)</sup>
Interstate-Rural	N.A.	Paint	Paint or Plastic <sup>(2)</sup>	Paint or Plastic <sup>(2)</sup>	Paint or Plastic <sup>(2)</sup>
Major Arterial	Paint & RRPMS <sup>(4)</sup> or Plastic <sup>(2)</sup> & RRPMS <sup>(4)</sup>	Paint	Paint or Plastic <sup>(2)</sup>	Paint or Plastic <sup>(2)</sup>	Paint or Plastic <sup>(2)</sup>
Minor Arterial	Paint	Paint	Paint	Paint or Plastic <sup>(2)</sup>	Paint or Plastic <sup>(2)</sup>
Collector	Paint	Paint	Paint	Paint or Plastic <sup>(2)</sup>	Paint or Plastic <sup>(2)</sup>
Rubber Blade Snow Removal Areas					
Roadway Classification	Marking Type <sup>(3)</sup>				
	Centerlines <sup>(5)</sup>	Lane Lines <sup>(5)</sup>	Edge Lines	Wide Lines	Transverse Markings
Interstate-Urban	N.A.	PMMA <sup>(6)</sup> only or PMMA <sup>(6)</sup> & RPMs	Paint or Plastic <sup>(2)</sup>	Plastic <sup>(7)</sup>	FMMA <sup>(8)</sup>
Interstate-Rural	N.A.	MMA only or <sup>(8)</sup> MMA & RPMs	Paint	Plastic <sup>(2)</sup> (7)	FMMA <sup>(8)</sup>
Major Arterial	Paint & RPMs or Plastic <sup>(2)</sup> & RPMs	<sup>(7)</sup>	Paint	Plastic <sup>(7)</sup> (2)	Plastic <sup>(2)</sup> (7)
Minor Arterial	Paint & RPMs	Paint & RPMs	Paint	Plastic <sup>(2)</sup>	Plastic <sup>(2)</sup>
Collector	Paint & RPMs	Paint	Paint	Plastic <sup>(2)</sup>	Plastic <sup>(2)</sup>

**Notes:**

- (1) Grooved Plastic is a line constructed by cutting a groove into the pavement surface and spraying, extruding, or gluing pavement marking material into the groove.
- (2) Plastic refers to methyl methacrylate (MMA), thermoplastic, or preformed tape.
- (3) For RPM substitute applications and RPM applications supplementing paint or plastic, see the Standard Plans, Section M.
- (4) RRPMS refer to RPMs installed in a groove ground into the pavement. RRPMS are identified as "Recessed Pavement Markers" in the Standard Specifications and the Standard Plans.
- (5) Type 2 RPMs are not required with painted or plastic centerline or lane line in illuminated sections.
- (6) PMMA refers to profiled methyl methacrylate.
- (7) Consult region striping policy.
- (8) FMMA refers to flat methyl methacrylate.

## Pavement Marking Material Guide

*Figure 830-1*

Highway Type	Guideposts on Tangents (See Notes 1 & 3)	Guideposts on Horizontal Curves (See Notes 1 & 3)
<b>Divided Highways With Continuous Illumination</b>		
Main Line	None	None
Bridge Approaches	None	None
Intersections	None	None
Lane Reductions	Standard Plan, Section H	Standard Plan, Section H
Median Crossovers	None	None
Ramps	Standard Plan, Section H	Standard Plan, Section H
<b>Divided Highways Without Continuous Illumination</b>		
Main Line with RPMs	None	Standard Plan, Section H
Main Line without RPMs	Right Side Only (0.10 mile spacing)	Standard Plan, Section H
Bridge Approaches	Standard Plan, Section H	Standard Plan, Section H
Intersections	Standard Plan, Section H	Standard Plan, Section H
Lane Reductions	Standard Plan, Section H	Standard Plan, Section H
Median Crossovers	Standard Plan, Section H	Standard Plan, Section H
Ramps	Standard Plan, Section H	Standard Plan, Section H
<b>Undivided Highways With Continuous Illumination</b>		
Main Line	None	None
Bridge Approaches	None	None
Intersections	None	None
Lane Reductions	Standard Plan, Section H	Standard Plan, Section H
<b>Undivided Highways Without Continuous Illumination</b>		
Main Line	See Note 2	Standard Plan, Section H (See Note 2)
Bridge Approaches	Standard Plan, Section H	Standard Plan, Section H
Intersections with Illumination	None	None
Intersections without Illumination	Standard Plan, Section H	Standard Plan, Section H
Lane Reductions	Standard Plan, Section H	Standard Plan, Section H

**Notes:**

1. For lateral placement of guideposts, see the Standard Plans, Section H.
2. Installation of guideposts on tangents and on the inside of horizontal curves is allowed at locations approved by the region's Traffic Engineer.
3. Barrier delineation is required when the traffic barrier is 4 feet or less from the roadway. Use delineator spacing of 40 feet or less.

**Guidepost Placement**  
*Figure 830-2*